

REMARKS

1. Disposition of Claims

Claims 17, 21, and 69-72 are pending in this application. Claims 17 and 21 have been amended, Claims 69-72 have been added, and Claims 22-24, 26-34, 40-44, and 60-68 have been canceled, all to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application, and thus for reasons unrelated to patentability. Support for the amendment is found throughout the patent specification, for example, paragraphs [0043] - [0044] and [0053] – [0054] (referring to the application published as 2003/0064063), original Claims 1, 17, and 18, and Example 2. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

2. No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over any cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

3. Compliance with 35 USC §112, first paragraph, written description and enablement

The issue is whether the claims are in compliance with 35 USC §112, first paragraph, written description and enablement. Claims 17 and 21 have been amended, Claims 69-72 have been added, and Claims 22-24, 26-34, 40-44, and 60-68 have been canceled, all to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application, and thus for reasons unrelated to patentability. Support for the

amendment is found throughout the patent specification, for example, paragraphs [0043] - [0044] and [0053] – [0054] (referring to the application published as 2003/0064063), original Claims 1, 17, and 18, and Example 2. The Patent Office essentially takes the position that claims directed to the content of paragraphs [0043] - [0044] and [0053] – [0054] (referring to the application published as 2003/0064063), original Claims 1, 17, and 18, and Example 2 would meet the written description and enablement requirements (e.g., Office Action mailed 04/01/2008, page 2, section 5, last paragraph; page 3, section 6, first paragraph; page 5, first paragraph; and page 6, last paragraph). The amendment conforms to this content. Thus, as agreed by the Patent Office, the claims are in compliance with 35 USC §112, first paragraph, written description and enablement.

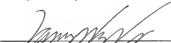
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Please charge any fees that may be required, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1700 (referencing UCR-0674 US/123699-182569).

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